

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Louis Martin for his entrepreneurial success and his great community contributions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens whose entrepreneurial spirit makes a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Louis Martin opened Uncle Lou's Fried Chicken in April of 2001 after having previously opened two other restaurants, Catfish Express and Lou Martin's Turkey Express Inn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's Turkey Express booths have become a mainstay at the Mid-South Fair, the Southern Heritage Classic, Memphis in May, and the University of Memphis home football games; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Louis Martin gives generously of his time, volunteering several hours a month to the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, because he loves helping children meet their fullest potential, Mr. Martin forged a partnership with Memphis City Schools, and Uncle Lou's Fried Chicken adopted A. Maceo Walker Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Uncle Lou's Fried Chicken has been featured in local broadcast and print media, detailing the success of this Memphis mainstay; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Louis Martin received a great honor when the Food Network's popular television show, "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," with host Guy Fieri, featured Uncle Lou's Fried Chicken; and

WHEREAS, Louis Martin is committed to expanding Uncle Lou's Fried Chicken citywide, statewide, and, eventually, nationwide, and he asserts that his secret to success is a quality product and service; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens, commending him for his business acumen and success; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby salute and honor Louis Martin for his many accomplishments and his unwavering dedication to his community, and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.